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SENATE RESOLUTION 1010

A RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND THE STATE OF ARIZONA.

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Whereas, the Republic of Turkey and the United States of America are long-standing allies, both dearly cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

Whereas, in its alliances with the United States, the Republic of Turkey has demonstrated its commitment to world peace; and

Whereas, the Republic of Turkey is the world's fifteenth largest economy and Europe's sixth largest economy, is a valued trading partner with the State of Arizona and is to be commended on its contributions to the global economy; and

Whereas, the State of Arizona and the Republic of Turkey have enjoyed a strong, vibrant and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the prospect of further growth; and

Whereas, it is the custom of the State of Arizona to welcome all who come to our state, especially those who come in the interest of friendship and commerce; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the State of Arizona to further cultivate the good relationship between Arizona and the Republic of Turkey and other Turkic Nations; and

Whereas, it is the policy of the Arizona Senate to recognize the contributions of our allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with allies of the State of Arizona, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey and the value of our positive relationship with this ally.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:

- 1. That the Members of the Senate recognize the many contributions made by the citizens of the Republic of Turkey.
- 2. That an Arizona-Turkish friendship continues to build on time-honored friendships between our two nations and to promote the cultural, educational, academic, political and economic relations between Arizonans and Turkish People.
- 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit an official copy of this Resolution to the Foundation for Inter-Cultural Dialogue and its umbrella organization West America Turkic Council.

PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 8, 2011.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 9, 2011.

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